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JAPAN: REPORT OF MIDDLE EASTERN TOUR BY A DIET MEMBER

BRIEF (FOR REPORTS OF MORE THAN ONE PAGE, ENTER CAREFUL SUMMARY)

1. During March 1957, Masanobu TSUJI, a member of the Diet made a tour of Iran, Egypt, Yugoslavia, Turkey, India, and Communist China.
2. The following are the impressions gained by TSUJI:
 - a. Iran: The people would not object to Soviet invasion, though the government would resist.
 - b. Egypt: NASSER is extremely popular with the masses of people, primarily due to his speeches and his simple manner of living. NASSER met with TSUJI and invited him to return as a military advisor. He believes NASSER will remain in power because no other person would satisfy the people.
 - c. Yugoslavia: TSUJI met with TITO and was informed that the Yugoslav form of communism is nationalist and that this represents the only kind of communism that can last.
 - d. Turkey: TSUJI met with a number of military officers and gained the impression that they do not expect that Russia would attack them due to the nature of Turkish terrain, the strength of the army and the lack of oil or other strategic items in the country.
 - e. India: TSUJI found the people apathetic and though NEHRU is generally popular, he is only popular in that he is generally known.

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f. China: TSOUI talked with high ranking Communists and came away with the belief that in the future China will break her close ties with the USSR. This could happen within five years, but that is doubtful.

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Preparing Officer's Comment: TSUJI, Masanobu, a Diet member, served as a staff operations officer in Malay, Guadalcanal, the Philippines and Burma. He has long been a controversial figure. TSUJI was opposed to the TOJO faction, and criticized the excessive conduct of ranking officers stationed outside Japan in places occupied by the Japanese forces. Nevertheless, he was involved in the massacre of 3,000 Chinese citizens.

On the morning of the day of terminating hostilities, TSUJI abandoned his command, and disguised as a Malay priest started an "underground" trip of 6,000 miles. Though pursued by the British forces as a first class war criminal, he succeeded in smuggling himself into Japan.

His lecture entitled "War Potentials and Strategies of U.S. and Soviets, and Japan's Position" delivered in March 1951 at Jiyunjin Club (a liberal club) stirred up considerable excitement. In the lecture TSUJI asserted that in the probable American-Soviet war, the former would be beaten, and urged the Japanese to stay out of the conflict. After this lecture TSUJI was accused publicly of being a Soviet spy.

He has strong political backing among ex-army junior officers, young farmers and rightists.

SOURCE indicated that he thought TSUJI was apt to exaggerate at times but that he never seemed to actually lie and that, since he was a trained observer, his opinions had some weight.

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